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Tax paying season here again.

Yellow fever is on a rampage at Havana.

Renbe Landrum, Sr., at Ladonia, has been very sick.

Farber has a Bryan club which numbers about 150 members.

Mrs. M. A. Spencer, south of Rush Hill, has been seriously sick.

Columbia, this State, raised \$1,000 for the Galveston flood sufferers.

D. B. McClure, near Benton City, gives \$5 for the flood sufferers in Texas.

The MESSAGE received two news letters last week too late for publication. Sorry.

James Curry, out in Skinner neighborhood, has a fine drove of calves which he bought up recently.

Sam Jones, the irrepressible, may be an attraction on the lecture platform in Mexico this winter.

Joseph Berry, near Skinner, bought a nice drove of calves recently for which he paid an average of \$19 a head.

Hon. C. G. Daniel, George Daniel and Judge S. E. Kendall were busy men on the day of the Vandalia rally.

A. M. Halley, proprietor of a retail notion store at Centralia, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy last week. His liabilities are inventoried at \$3,700.

Mr. Russell, of Callaway, bought heifers recently from the following parties in the vicinity of Skinner: Alex. Carter, Jr., Judge Lewis and P. T. and F. L. Bruce.

Coroner Bridgford, of this county, says that but three inquests have been necessary so far in Audrain this year. He is getting tired waiting for better picking.

P. T. Bruce and J. W. Holloway, of Skinner vicinity, each bought up a fine drove of mules last week. They found them in Monroe and the west end of this county.

The Baptist Bible Institute held an interesting session at Bethlehem church, near Skinner, recently. The next meeting will be held at Vandalia, the fifth Sunday in December.

A Mr. Chance, of Centralia, will put in a telephone system from Centralia out to Skinner, by way of John Rutter, John Crim, Harry Householder, Watt Holloway and Richard Bruce. It will prove a great convenience.

There were two weddings near Farber last week. Mr. A. L. Kelly and Miss May Edwards are now one, and it is thusly with Mr. J. Smith and Miss Eva Mabry. The latter couple will reside on Mr. Smith's farm, east of Mexico.

The farm reflects the character of the owner. This is seen in the location of buildings and yards, orchards, pastures, drives, etc. All these are parts of his life's machinery. The better the arrangement the less friction. The farmer must take advantage of every short cut he can find. Superior tactics on a common farm may save enough labor in a year to amount to the wages of an extra man.

There is an item going the rounds of the Missouri press about a man who got new screens and then cut a hole in them to let the flies out. Also about a man who had two windmills and took one down because there wasn't enough wind for both. These are as likely as the story told about the great Isaac Newton, who had a large and a small cat. It bothered him to have to open the door for them to get in and out. So he cut a large and small hole in the door.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Gandy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 50c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

## Adjudged Guilty.

Charles Gough, of near Molino, charged with the theft of two hogs from G. W. Crosswhite, was adjudged guilty by a jury in the Audrain circuit court last week. Gough's punishment was fixed at two years in the penitentiary.

## A "Sweet" Woman.

The Kansas City Times uses the following item: At the Monroe county fair, a Missouri woman from the town of Paris had on exhibition twenty-seven different kinds of preserves. A man who couldn't be sweet on that kind of a woman can't tell the difference between pine tar and angels' food.

## County Judge Missing.

New London, Mo., Oct. 6.—The county court met here yesterday. Judge John D. Fields is still absent and no one has heard of his whereabouts. The other two county judges are holding court regularly. Judge Fields left home July 17. He did not say where he was going. He took with him about \$4,000. His family is greatly worried over his protracted absence.

## Grave Charge.

A late dispatch from Hannibal says:

While rocking her baby to sleep, Mrs. Alice Nesenheuer listened to the reading of an indictment charging her with the murder of her husband, Frank Nesenheuer, whose death occurred suddenly on July 14 last, at his home in this city.

In the indictment returned by the grand jury Mrs. Nesenheuer is accused of having killed her husband by means of morphine. The indictment was based upon the testimony taken before the coroner's jury, in which it is alleged that three of Mrs. Nesenheuer's children died under mysterious circumstances three years ago within a month, and in each instance following but a brief illness.

## A Mexico Woman.

This item from the Fulton Sun: Mrs. Lillie Jeffries, of Mexico, Mo., accompanied by her four children, is in Fulton in search of her husband, John Jeffries, whom she claims has deserted her.

Mrs. Jeffries and her children were found at the depot Wednesday night by Nightwatchman White, to whom she related her story.

According to her statement, Jeffries draws a pension of \$36 every three months from the Federal Government. He left her once before, but she traced him to Fulton and persuaded him to return home.

Nightwatchman White, when he heard that the woman and children were penniless, escorted them to the Golding House, where they are being cared for.

## From the Philippines.

Walter Williams, of the Columbia Herald, has received the following letter from a friend, Edward A. Witmer, who is on soldier duty in the Philippines:

"The Republican press, I see, is accusing the Filipinos of not being capable of self-government, but I cannot agree with it, as I have had the opportunity, by being in the cavalry service, of seeing nearly all parts of Luzon and seeing the natives of Manila, San Fernando, San Isador and Santa Cruz, and the opinion that I have formed is that they are more capable of self-government than a great many of the South American republics.

"They (the Republican press) say that the war is over, but if so I wish to ask why they continue to hold us here? Why are they establishing double recruiting stations in the United States to obtain more soldiers for the Philippines? Why are they holding such a large army at such an enormous cost if the war is over?

"No, it is not over. The Filipinos have now divided their forces and scattered them in small bands all over the different parts of the islands, as it is their advantage to do. At present they are more active than usual."

## James R. Smiley.

We take the following from the Christian Observer, published at Louisville, Ky.:

James R. Smiley, father of Mrs. M. A. Crawford, of Mexico, Mo., died at his home near Santa Fe, Mo., Sept. 5, 1900, lacking only seventeen days of being eighty-nine years old.

God gave him long life and peace. His life was an example of "the peaceable fruits of righteousness," even in this world. Nineteen years of quiet and happy life added to the "three score years and ten" allotted to men, is surely something to be grateful for.

He came to Monroe county, Mo., in 1841, and was married here to Miss Elizabeth Kerr, and united at South Fork church soon after his marriage. He continued a valuable and honored member of this organization until called to the Church on high. For twenty-seven years he was closely associated with Dr. J. Travis, who served that church for that length of time, and the writer, upon whom it fell to conduct the funeral services, found himself wishing that that blessed saint could be present to conduct the services and comfort the mourners as only he could.

Being of a timid disposition, he always declined to take office or any leading part in the church, but was unusually regular in attendance and steady in all silent duties. Dr. Travis said that he was always sure that there would be one person at church and that would be Mr. Smiley.

He was rather large and tall stature, with a face full of sunshine and remarkable kindness; a face which a stranger would single out in the congregation, and which was not likely to be forgotten. His accustomed place in the sanctuary speaks impressively by his absence. That kindly face and greeting, familiar for so many years in the gatherings of God's people, now gone, speak yet in memory.

He leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters to mourn for him. Nature compels them to mourn; but surely it is a mourning sweetened by happy memories and bright hopes. In his last days he expressed gratitude that God had given him such children to comfort him in his old age, and the children "rise up to call him blessed." His end was like his life. After some weeks of weariness and suffering, during which he uttered no complaint, but only gratitude for every thing that was done for him, he fell into a peaceful sleep, and passed away, without knowing the pangs of death.

He shall wake again. A little while of waiting to his wife and children and then the meeting in the presence of the Lord, when "the day breaks and the shadows flee away."

## Temporary Injunction.

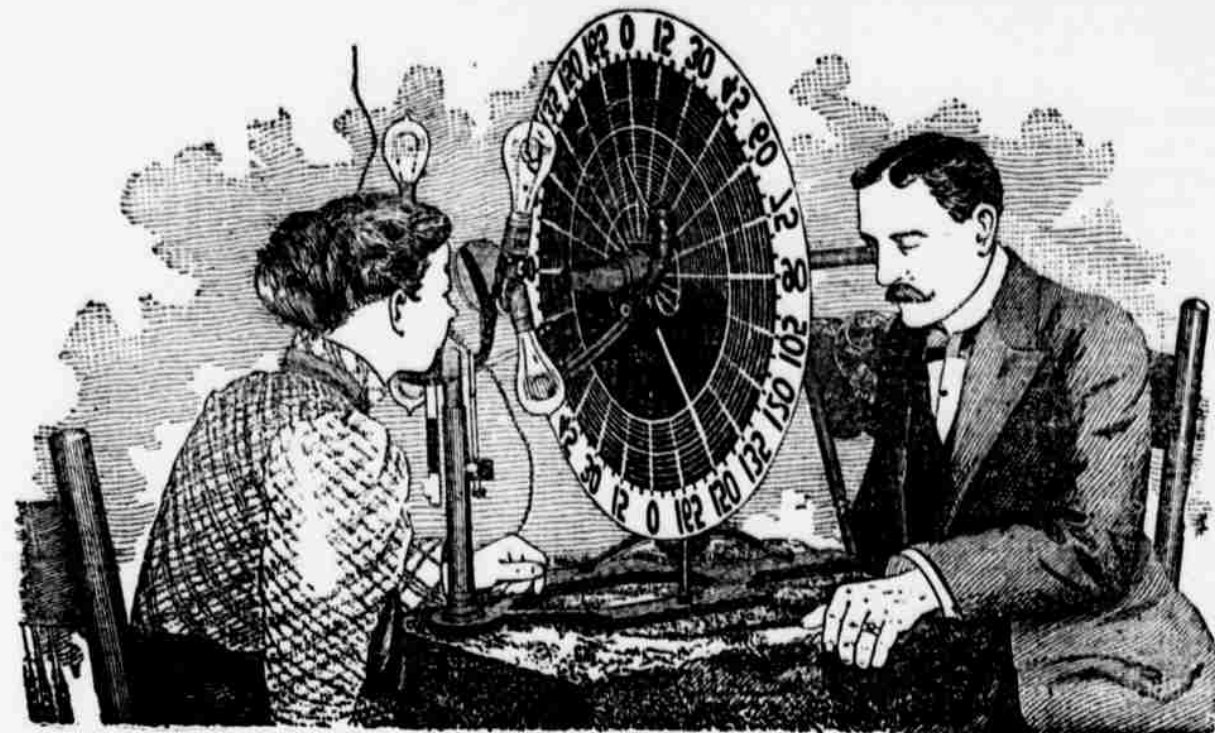
Next January in the Circuit Court Mexico will have a test case of whether under her charter in 1893 she had the right to extend the city limits. Four taxpayers asked for an injunction against the city which Judge Hughes granted last Saturday.

"A two-dollar bill came into the hands of a relative of mine," writes a lady in Boston, "which speaks volumes on the horror of strong drink or the traffic in it. There was written in red ink on the back of it the following: 'Wife, children, \$40,000, all gone. I am a lone responsible. All has gone down my throat. When I was 21 I had a fortune. I am not yet 35 years old. I have killed my beautiful wife, who died of a broken heart; have murdered my children with neglect. When this bill is gone I do not know how I can get my next meal. I shall die a drunken pauper. This is my last money, and my history. If this comes into the hands of a man who drinks, let him take warning from my life's ruin.'"

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| Rubber Eye Glasses.....   | .50    | Nickle Spectacles, any style.....   | 1.00   | Gold Plated Spectacles, any style..... | 1.00   | Skeleton Spectacles, any style.....    | 2.50   |
| Steel Spectacles.....     | .50    | Aluminum Spectacles, any style..... | 1.75   | Gold Filled, guar. 10 years wear.....  | 2.50   | Solid Gold Eye Glasses, any style..... | 3.85   |

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## Struck it Rich.

The MESSAGE clips the following item from the Paris Appeal:

Three years ago a party of 25 Parisians went gold hunting in Alaska. The poorest man in the crowd was Rubie Holbrook. He had made two or three fortunes during his life, but had squandered them with a prodigal hand, and had barely enough money on which to make the trip. Nevertheless, people predicted that Rubie's luck would reassert itself and that he would be the one man to strike it. They were correct. Wednesday night Tan Bassett returned from Nome, where he has been during the summer. He says Holbrook is interested in some of the biggest claims in the Cool Creek country, 80 miles back from Nome, and is undoubtedly a millionaire. The other Monroe county boys, Beagles, Wright, Powers and the rest, are doing well. Tom Murphy and Abe Hill are in Seattle, where they will probably remain. Mr. Bassett says Nome is the richest of all gold countries and will yet startle the world with its output. He states, however, that government favoritism toward syndicates is visible even in far-off Alaska, and that the poor man has stood a poor show in Alaska. The big companies jump claims with impunity and have seized almost the entire beach. One miner's house was moved off his claim and in resisting he was killed. Smallpox raged for a while and there were some suicides, but the reports sent out were exaggerated. Mr. Bassett said he saw no starving men. He still has confidence in the value of the Paris company's claims.

## Court Nothing to Do.

Bowling Green, Mo., Oct. 4.—A most remarkable circumstance developed here yesterday upon the opening of a special term of the Pike circuit court, with Judge D. H. Eby, of Hannibal, on the bench. The term had been set especially to try three criminal cases, one for horse stealing, one for criminal assault, one for murder, and one civil case. Upon the call of the docket the judge found that the three criminals had escaped from jail and the defendant in the civil case had died last Saturday. This was the celebrated Fielden Estes, one of the richest men in the county.

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We met our good friend, John W. Harris, of Mt. Carmel neighborhood, at the Vandalia rally. John says the MESSAGE suits him to a T and that the paper is gaining friends out in his locality.

Two negro men entered the general store of Brickell & Co., at Clark, recently and were just arranging to depart with their booty when Mr. Brickell appeared upon the scene and at the point of a pistol made the negroes throw up their hands and walk backward into his apartments in the rear of the store. He kept the frightened thieves in a corner until his wife went into the store and procured some rope. Then Mrs. Brickell proceeded to tie their hands behind them. This done, the man and wife escorted the burglars to the home of the City Marshal, and turned them over to that individual. They are now confined in the jail at Moberly.

Actress' Wedding Cards. An actress playing small parts in a Berlin theater has turned her marriage to some account. The usual formal invitation has been suppressed in favor of something that reads like this: "Fraulein X. invites all her friends and admirers to see her debut in a piece called 'Marriage.' The other part will be taken by Herr X. It will depend on the latter whether this play turns out a comedy or a drama." One admires the courage of a man that could read this and then walk to the altar.

## Ernest Hopkins Dead.

This young man was a brother of Mrs. J. A. Albay, of this city. In relation to his death, the MESSAGE clips the following from the Perry Enterprise:

Last Saturday afternoon Mr. Marion Richards received a message from Arkansas City, Kas., stating that Ernest Hopkins, formerly of Perry, was dead. This was a shock to his relatives and friends, as his letters of a week ago showed that he was well and doing well. Mr. Richards, with the brothers of the dead boy, sent several dispatches, but could obtain no information concerning his death. Expecting to hear soon the full particulars they ordered his body sent to Mexico, and from there it was conveyed to Perry. The certificate accompanying the remains reported cause of death unknown. At this writing no additional news has been secured.

Deceased was the son of Elgin and Katherine Richards Hopkins, and was born near Perry, Jan. 28th, 1881. After the death of his mother he lived with his brother, A. M. Hopkins, of near this place. The last four years of his life he has had no permanent home, but like most all other boys of his age wanted to act and plan for himself. He had been at or near the place of his death for over a year and was well pleased with his work. Ernest is remembered by all who knew him as a genial and kind hearted boy, and all extend their sympathy to the bereaved. A sister and five brothers survive him, all of whom were present at the funeral services. Ernest was a member of the Lick Creek church, having confessed Christ in a meeting held by Eld. Hook at that place in '95. Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday by J. H. Coil and his remains were laid to rest in the Lick Creek burying ground.

"Therefore be ye ready;—for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

## This Girl's Good Sense.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 4.—A new test of a man's capabilities for making a good husband has been set in Omaha. Hereafter, when a man will whistle at a funeral, he must be considered as unfit for matrimony, particularly if the fu-

neral is that of his prospective mother-in-law.

Because James Hawes whistled at Mrs. Schindler's funeral his affianced, pretty 20-year-old Katherine Schindler, broke off their engagement. Because of this Hawes broke into her room at 2117 Ames avenue yesterday afternoon and shortly afterwards broke into jail.

According to the testimony of Miss Schindler, she was engaged to be married to Hawes, who is a widower, but when she heard him whistling on the front porch while the minister read the funeral sermon inside the house, she came to the conclusion that Hawes was a hard hearted man, and that he would not make her a good husband.

She sent back the engagement ring, which Hawes pawned, and with the proceeds became intoxicated. He then visited his sweetheart's home, and the police were called. He was fined \$5 and costs.

## Burned to Death.

Ada Hess, 19, of St. Louis, was preparing dinner last Sunday while her mother was at church. As the fire did not burn to suit her, she decided to help the blaze by pouring a little coal oil over the coals.

When she tipped the can the oil did not flow, and, thinking that it was stopped, she looked over her shoulder in search of an object with which she might clear the spout of the can. While she was surveying the utensils on the table she kept the coal oil can tipped over the fire and unknown to her the oil streamed over the coals.

The flames from the stove shot up and reached the can, causing an explosion which scattered burning oil over the girl and the kitchen. The report of the explosion brought several neighbors to the house. They found the girl writhing on the floor, completely enveloped by the flames. The fire was quickly smothered with a table-cloth and water, but the girl was fatally burned.

Her hair was almost burned from her head, the face was burned beyond recognition and parts of the body were burned so badly that the flesh was baked. She was also badly burned internally by inhaling the flames.

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